

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Cancelled)
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8. (Cancelled)
9. (Cancelled)
10. (Cancelled)
11. (Cancelled)
  
12. (Currently Amended) A safety handle for temporary attachment to a pier piling for use by passengers during boarding and exiting a boat, said safety handle comprising:  
a base member constructed of a flexible sheet of material, said base member further defined as having a textured front surface and a back surface bounded by a top edge and a bottom edge with a first

and second side edge, said front surface ~~adapted to contact a~~  
~~including integrally formed rigid protrusions designed to~~  
~~temporarily prohibit movement of said base member when attached to~~  
~~said piling;~~

a handgrip secured to said back surface, said handgrip ~~formed~~  
~~from a first and second leg extending perpendicular to said base~~  
~~member with~~ including a receptacle secured therebetween, said  
receptacle sized to receive a chemiluminescent light stick, said  
receptacle made of a material permitting light to shine through for  
providing an illuminated stationary support for passengers to grasp  
while boarding [[a]] said boat whereby said handgrip will glow in  
darkness;

a pair of straps connected to said base member, ~~one said strap~~  
~~positioned next to said top edge of said base, a second strap~~  
~~positioned next to said bottom edge of said base,~~ each strap is  
adapted to extend around [[a]] said piling;

whereby said base member is secured to [[a]] said piling by use  
of said straps and said rigid protrusions wherein said handgrip is  
available for use in boarding and exiting of a boat.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Previously Presented) The safety handle according to claim 12 wherein said base member and said hand grip are plastic, said hand grip receptacle being translucent.

15. (Previously Amended) The safety handle according to claim 12 wherein said base member is wood.

16. (Previously presented) The safety handle according to claim 12 wherein said base member and said handgrip are integrally formed.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently amended) The safety handle according to claim 12 wherein said strap is of a length sufficient to encircle [[a]] said piling between 6 inches and 20 inches.

19. (Currently amended) The safety handle according to claim 18 wherein a proximal end of each said strap is attached to said first edge of said base member with a distal end of each said strap is available for coupling to a quick release fastener coupled to said second edge after said strap is encircled around [[a]] said piling.

20. (Currently amended) A safety handle for temporary attachment to a vertical pier piling for use by passengers during boarding and exiting a boat, said safety handle comprising:

a base member having a textured front surface and a back surface bound by a top edge and a bottom edge with a first and second side edge, said front surface adapted to contact a including integrally formed rigid protrusions designed to temporarily prohibit movement of said base member when attached to said piling;

a pair of straps connected to said base member, each strap having a proximal end attached to said first edge of said base member with a distal end of each said strap available for coupling to a quick release fastener coupled to said second edge, each said strap of a length sufficient to encircle [[a]] said piling between 6 inches and 20 inches and adapted to extend around [[the]] said piling;

a handgrip secured to said back surface;

whereby said base member is secured to [[a]] said piling by use of said straps and said textured front surface rigid protrusions inhibits inhibit movement of said base member once attached to [[a]] said piling wherein said handgrip is available for use in boarding and exiting of [[a]] said boat.

21. (Previously presented) The safety handle according to claim 20 wherein said base member and said handgrip are integrally formed.